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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: November 3, 1995
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POLREP No.: POLREP 2
Reporting Period: October 28, 1995 to November 3, 1995
Site No.: VE
Delivery Order No.: 5001-05-377 Smith Environmental
Response Authority: CERCLA Removal Action (Time Critical)
CERCLIS No.: Not Applicable
NPL Status: Not on the NPL
State Notification: IEPA Notified
Action Memorandum Status: Approved
Start Date: October 17, 1995

Site Information:

The North Shore Group site is an abandoned 4-story building containing scattered containers of pesticides and solvents (see polrep 1 for more detailed information).

Current Situation:

Removal activities continued throughout this reporting period. Weather conditions throughout this reporting period: windy, some rain, with temperatures ranging from 40°F to 60°F.

Removal Activities To Date:

During this reporting period, the construction of the transition zone shed was completed. All containers in the basement were staged and separated according to their various lab packing groups (solids, liquids and aerosols). Inventorying of chemicals in the basement was begun. Staging of containers on the first floor was begun. Security continued at the site during off-hours.

Enforcement:

Notice Letters and information requests have been mailed to the former owners and operators of North Shore.

Planned Removal Activities:

See POLREP 1.

Next Steps:

- Stage, inventory, and overpack appropriately all containers containing hazardous material.
- Sample and hazard categorize unknown materials.
- Dispose of all hazardous material.
- Sample and remove underground storage tanks.
- Continue off-hours armed security.

Key issues:

Large quantities of asbestos remain in the building and will have to be removed prior to demolition. U.S. EPA and the City of Chicago will have to meet to discuss removal of this asbestos material.

Cost Information:

	<u>Costs To Date</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
BRCS Contractor	\$101,064*	\$200,000
TAT Contractor	\$ 8345**	\$ 17,500
U.S. EPA	\$ 8727**	\$ 25,000

* as of October 29, 1995
** as of November 1, 1995